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Applicant : HING et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response for filing an Appeal Brief be extend pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for ONE (1) month to March 19, 2006.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a) for a one month extension of time is \$60.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

Respectfully submitted,
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